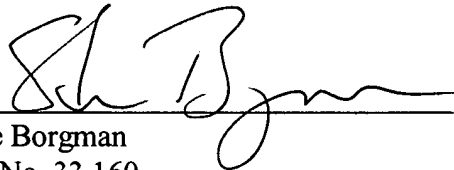


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-14 and 22-30 were pending in the application. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-14. Claims 22 and 28-30 are the independent claims. In the August 1, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner stated that Claims 22-30 (i.e., all of the claims now pending) were allowed. Thus, Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and that the application, as amended by the foregoing, is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 713-758-2002 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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